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(57) Abstract: A process is disclosed for providing a flow of particulate matter such as a catalyst to a reactor, comprising inter-  
mittently adding said particulate matter and a diluent to a mixing tank, and continuously withdrawing a slurry of particulate matter  
in diluent from the mixing tank for introduction into the reactor, wherein prior to each addition of particulate matter and diluent to  
the mixing tank, the concentration of particulate matter in the diluent already in the mixing tank is measured or calculated, and the  
amount of particulate matter and diluent subsequently added is measured so as to achieve the same concentration at the end of the  
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